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HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT BY NHPC IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) propose to start any hydro power project in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Government of Orissa and National Hydro-electric PowerCorporation (NHPC) are in a stage of preliminary negotiation for execution of the Chipilima `B` Project (200 MW) and 3 run-of-river projects called the Sindol Complex (Sindol-I, II & III) (320 MW) on the river Mahanadi. The Government of Orissa hasexpressed its desire to entrust development of these projects to the National Hydro- electric Power Corporation with the stipulation that no area would come undersubmergence and no family would be affected due to execution of these projects. The NHPC has informed Government of Orissa that submergence and displacement of people cannot be totally eliminated in the development of hydro projects specially in respect of projects having a vast project expanse and moderate density of population. However, they would strive to reduce the extent of submergence, minimize the displacement of families and mitigate the distress.